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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

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| <b>Application No.:</b> | 10/568,063                                      | <b>Examiner:</b>     | Jolley, Kirsten |
| <b>Filing Date:</b>     | July 17, 2006                                   | <b>Art Unit:</b>     | 1792            |
| <b>First Inventor:</b>  | Manfred Heim                                    | <b>Customer No.:</b> | 23364           |
| <b>Attorney No.:</b>    | HEIM3001/JJC/PMB                                | <b>Confirm. No.:</b> | 7469            |
| <b>For:</b>             | <b>SECURITY ELEMENT WITH THIN-LAYER ELEMENT</b> |                      |                 |

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**OF AUGUST 25, 2010**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action dated August 25, 2010 in the above application wherein claims 1-6, 9-13, 15-18, 20-34, 39-51, 54-59, and 64 are finally rejected, and claims 7, 8, 14, 19, 35-38, 52, 53, and 60-63 are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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AMENDMENT

Please amend the pending application in accordance with the following particulars.

In the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.